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TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,
FOR THE
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid State tax,	\$616 00	
County tax,	448 44	
	<hr/>	\$1,064 44

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER.

SCHOOLS.

Paid District No. 1, D. S. Leach,	\$152 17	
District No. 2, Z. K. Whittemore,	183 01	
District No. 3, L. L. Daniels,	158 36	
District No. 4, Geo. M. Reid,	54 23	
District No. 5, K. Webster,	16 19	
	<hr/>	\$563 96

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. H. Powers, town clerk,	\$12 00	
A. H. Powers, supt. school com.,	15 00	
N. C. Griffin, treasurer,	10 00	
John F. Chase, selectman,	28 00	
Alexander Taggart, selectman,	25 00	
Orville D. Annis, selectman,	18 00	
Amos Saunders, collector,	30 00	
I. N. Center, first supervisor,	6 00	
Elbridge Pike, second supervisor,	5 00	
Ernest S. Chase, third supervisor,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$153 00

PAUPERS.

Paid Chas. McQuesten, board of Betsy Graham, \$65 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid N. P. Bullock, clay,	\$3 36	
Robert McQuesten, labor,	5 67	
John L. Senter, labor,	4 40	
John S. Reid, posts,	1 10	
D. S. Leach, poles,	1 50	
D. S. Leach, spikes,	62	
Mrs. Daniel Aiken, clay,	3 40	
Geo. Esty, examining Melvin bridge,	1 00	
	————	\$21 05

SUNDRY BILLS.

Paid Campbell & Williams, printing	
town reports,	9 00
N. P. Bullock, sexton,	4 00
J. F. Chase, bounty on woodchucks,	1 40
J. F. Chase, stationery,	2 00
A. Taggart, bounty on woodchucks,	1 10
A. Taggart, care of tramps,	3 00
Mrs. M. Wardwell, care of tramps,	5 00
J. Butterfield, lock for town house,	50
N. C. Griffin, care of cemetery,	5 00
F. H. McQuesten, care of cemetery,	5 00
Orville D. Annis, repairing cem-	
etery fence,	2 00
L. Truel, care of cemetery,	2 00
Amos Saunders, abatement of tax	
of John Benz,	52
Aaron Cutler, sheep killed by dogs,	5 50
A. H. Powers, school supplies,	67 40

Paid L. L. Daniels, school supplies,	\$11 47	
A. H. Powers, recording marriages,		
births and deaths,	1 05	
	<hr/>	\$125 94

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State tax,	\$616 00	
County tax,	448 44	
Schools,	563 96	
Town officers,	153 00	
Paupers,	65 00	
Highways,	21 05	
Sundry bills,	125 94	
	<hr/>	\$1,993 39

CASH RECEIVED.

Railroad tax,	\$94 45	
Savings Bank tax,	995 15	
Literary fund,	29 28	
State bounty on woodchucks,	2 50	
Hillsborough County, board of Betsy Graham,	35 35	
Amos Saunders, interest,	5 75	
Amos Saunders, collector 1885,	760 00	
Amos Saunders, non-resident high- way tax 1883,	1 56	
A. H. Powers, balance on school sup- plies,	5 00	
Balance due town 1884,	567 32	
	—————	\$2,496 36
Whole amount received,	\$2,496 36	
Whole amount paid out,	1,993 39	
Amount in treasury,	—————	\$502 97
Amount charged collector 1885,	\$1,088 21	
Amount received of collector 1885,	760 00	
Due from collector 1885,	—————	\$328 21
Due from Hillsborough county,		29 65
		—————
Total assets of the town,		\$860 83

N. C. GRIFFIN,

Treasurer.

We, the selectmen, have examined the above report of the treasurer, and find it a true report, to the best of our knowledge, of the financial affairs of the town.

JOHN F. CHASE,
ALEXANDER TAGGART,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

MARCH 1st, 1886.

SCHOOL REPORT.

*To the Selectmen of the Town of Litchfield, N. H., for
the year ending March 1, 1886:—*

GENTLEMEN : That is true teaching, when the mind of the pupil acts with the mind of the teacher. Hence the first work of the teacher is to secure the attention of the class. It should be given voluntarily because interested. The attention of every pupil should be secured by the teacher, for he teaches those only whose attention he gains. That the teacher may acquire the attention of the pupils, he must feel the necessity, and he must determine that he will have it, then prepare himself to obtain it. The language of the teacher aids in securing attention. His language is the medium for the communication of his thoughts, and it should be simple in the words used, and in the construction of the sentences. It should be precise, expressing neither more nor less than the ideas intended. He should have a ready command of language, for hesitation disturbs attention ; also he must adapt the expression of his thoughts to the different capacities, which he finds among his pupils.

These qualities can be gained only by study and practice. The language of the teacher is a model for his pupils, and as children learn language by imitation, they should have a good model to imitate. It should be correct in grammar, pronunciation and expression. The manner of the teacher has great influence in securing attention, for he must be in sympathy with his pupils,

and gain their confidence before he can teach them. His manner should be cheerful, animated, self-possessed, enthusiastic and decisive, and his attitudes, gestures, and movements becoming and correct.

Our schools show substantial progress, and we trust that with a union of money and pupils, they may attain still greater results in the educational work. The committee on apparatus has procured and placed in the schools, outline maps, globes and clocks, to the extent of the appropriation. Without an exception our teachers have been persons of experience, faithful in earnest endeavor, and consequently a large degree of success has characterized their work. The pupils, kind and obedient, and the parents and friends interested, all of which aid in making the common school an institution of great power in the community.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Carl P. Griffin, Susie B. Whittemore and Ethel M. Putnam have been present every half day for the *entire school year*, without being tardy. Mary C. Whittemore and Annie B. Putnam have been present every half day for two terms without being tardy. Gerry F. Parker, Walter T. McQuesten, Eddie M. Robinson, Iva S. Daniels, Carl W. Daniels, Alfred H. Shepherd, Ida Blodgett and Ernest Blodgett have been present every half day for one term without being tardy.

STATISTICS.

No. of District.	Terms.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages of Teacher.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils.	*Average Attendance.	Reading and Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Language.	Higher Studies.
1	1	Laura Center.	\$24	9	9	7	9	9	9	6	3	5
1	2	Laura Center.	24	5	15	13	15	15	13	10	6	0
1	3	Laura Center,	24	10	16	14	16	16	15	12	8	0
2	1	Nellie A. Robie,	22	9	8	7	8	8	8	4	5	5
2	2	Nellie A. Robie,	24	11	8	7	8	8	8	4	6	5
2	3	Nellie A. Robie,	24	9	7	7	7	6	7	4	7	4
3	1	Carrie L. Ober,	24	10	16	12	14	13	13	8	5	2
3	2	Carrie L. Ober,	24	16	15	13	15	13	13	7	5	2
4	1	M. A. Center,	24	10	5	4	5	5	3	3	3	1

*Fractions omitted.

Whole number of pupils attending school past year, boys, 26; girls, 18; visits by superintendent, 17.

A. H. POWERS, *Supt.*

LITCHFIELD, N. H., March 1, 1886.

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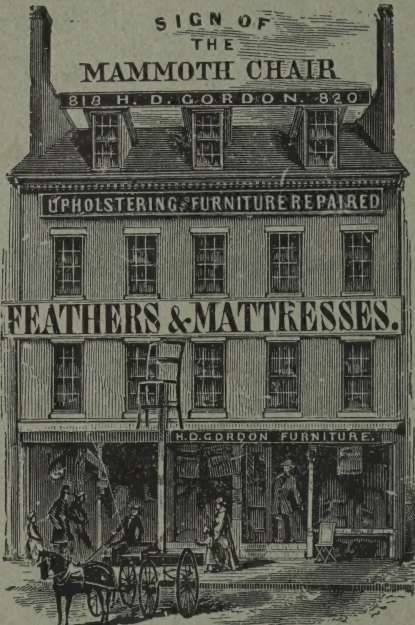
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